

Key Information for Families

2024/2025

The key information below has been lifted from (insert link LMS Terms and Conditions 2024/2025) which provides further detail. You can also access the information below via our website:

Cost of Lessons

From September 2024, a 3% inflationary increase has been added to the cost of lessons. This has been kept to a minimum to support the cost-of-living crisis:

Lesson Type (ISGT)*	Existing 2023/2024 Prices	New 2024/2025 Prices
Individual 15 mins	£9.50	£9.80
Individual 20 mins	£12.60	£13.00
Individual 30 mins	£19.00	£19.60
Shared 20 mins	£6.40	£6.60
Shared 30 mins	£9.50	£9.80
Group 30 mins	£6.10	£6.30

Instrument Hire	Existing 2023/2024 Prices	New 2024/2025 Prices
Instrument Hire	£17.50 per term	£18.00 per term

Group Music Making	Existing 2023/2024 Prices	New 2024/2025 Prices
Music Centre	FREE	Donation Recommended
County Groups	£275	£299

Financial Support

LMS is keen to ensure all children and young people reach their full potential and we can support those in financial need.

Standard Discount

The following standard discounts are available for music lessons delivered by LMS. Evidence will be provided by the family and verified by Lincolnshire County Council:

- Free School Meals

50% discount (max 20-minute lesson) and 100% discount (Instrument Hire) for children and young people who are eligible for Free School Meals. This does not include the Government funded Universal Infant Free School Meal programme.

- Looked After Children

100% discount (max 20-minute lesson) and 100% discount (Instrument Hire) for children and young people who are Looked After Children, including previously LAC. Please note to receive the full 100% discount, they must reside and go to school in Lincolnshire. The scheme is in partnership with the Lincolnshire Virtual School. For those Looked After Children who do not reside and go to school in Lincolnshire, a 50% discount will be offered.

'Cost of Living' Discount

£135k was disseminated during 2023/2024 to support families, who do not meet the eligibility for our Standard Discounts, who may also be experiencing financial difficulties. Support is available to assist however these are processed on a case-by-case basis for one term only. Families are required to apply online, and proof of evidence is required to verify the application.

Re-application is required for any subsequent terms of learning. Requests for support cannot be administered retrospectively.

- 50% discount (max 20-minute lesson) for children and young people who are experiencing financial barriers.

Teaching Weeks

LMS tutors will teach a maximum of 36 weeks per academic year. Subject to availability, extra music lessons can be delivered and charged accordingly.

TERM	TERM STARTS	TERM ENDS
Autumn 1	Monday 9th September 2024	Friday 18th October 2024
Autumn 2	Tues 29th October 2024	Monday 16th December 2024
Spring 3	Monday 6th January 2025	Friday 21st February 2025
Spring 4	Monday 3rd March 2025	Friday 28th March 2025
Summer 5	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Summer 6	Tuesday 3rd June 2025	Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Starting and Ceasing Music Lessons

New students, as well as existing students wishing to cease, must give notice. Applications must be received by the following deadlines to take effect at the start of each term.

TERM	Deadline to Request or Cease Lessons	Date from which Lessons Start or Cease
Autumn 1	12 July 2024	9th Sept 2024
Autumn 2	20 Sept 2024	29 Oct 2024
Spring 3	8 Nov 2024	6 Jan 2025
Spring 4	17th Jan 2025	3 March 2025

Summer 5	14th Feb 2025	22nd April 2025
Summer 6	18th April 2025	3rd June 2025

Invoices

Music lessons are invoiced ahead of each term and must be either fully paid or an instalment plan in place for lessons to start:

TERM	Invoices Sent to Families	Deadline for Payment
Autumn 2024	22nd July 2024	Fri 9th August 2024
Spring 2025	18th Nov 2024	Fri 6th December 2024
Summer 2025	3rd March 2025	21st March 2025

Notification of Lesson Cancellations

If our LMS tutor misses a lesson, due to illness or other exceptional circumstance, they will do their best to reschedule the lesson for you. If this is not possible, you will not be charged.

LMS requires 4 weeks' notice to musicservice@lincolnshire.gov.uk for any lesson cancellations. If the learner misses the lesson due to e.g. sickness, school/trip, activities or forgetfulness, then the lesson will not be made up or credited at the end of the academic year.

Credits and Refunds

The reconciliation of the account is carried out at the end of the academic year, or at the end of the contract, to ensure the delivery of 36 lessons. Mid-term credits and refunds are not processed unless the contract has ended.

Thank you for your partnership during 2024/2025

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